

December 24, 1970

## William J. Sieh

William Joseph Sieh, 88, Groton, succumbed about 9:20 Sunday morning, Dec. 20, 1970 at his home.

Mr. Sieh was born in New Hampton, Iowa, September 18, 1882, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sieh. He came with his parents to S. Dak. as a small boy and grew to manhood on the Sieh homestead near James. He was the eldest boy in a family of eleven children. His formal education included one year at Brookings College. When a young man, he spent two winters in Argentina, S. America, going by way of Europe. He established his own farming operation in Putney township and "batched" until he was married June 18, 1919 to Dorothy M. Wallace of Aberdeen. Mr. Sieh was elected to the Putney Township Board, was a Democrat committeeman and was a member of the Farmers Union. He retired to his home in the city of Groton about 16 years ago. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Catholic Church in Groton.

His survivors are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Jean P. Ries (Betty) and one son, John M. Sieh, both of rural Groton; three sisters, Mrs. Rose McNamara, Wisconsin, Mrs. Mabel Haire, Aberdeen, and Mrs. Leone Corcoran, St. Paul; two brothers, Jack, Florida, and Frank, Aberdeen; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Rosary prayers were said at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 at the Ackerson Funeral Home in Groton.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton with Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating. Pallbearers were John Evelo and Terrance Gesinger, both of Aberdeen; Kenneth Alberts, Putney; Roland Sieh, Bath; Dick Anderson, Grafton, N. D.; and Gordon Sieh, Leola. Interment was in the Groton Cemetery.